

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Frank-Uwe SOMMER et al.

Int'l Application No.: PCT/EP03/05901

Int'l Filing Date: June 5, 2003

Appl. No.: Not Yet Assigned

Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned

Confirmation No.: Not Yet Assigned

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Filed: December 17, 2004

Atty. Docket No.: 37934-211620

For: DRIVE DEVICE

Customer No. 26694

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Information Disclosure Statement

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 within the time specified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

In order to comply the duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith is a form PTO/SB/08A listing the document cited in the International Search report of International Application No. PCT/EP03/05901. The relevance of the document is indicated in the attached International Search Report.

A copy of the document is not being provided since a copy is furnished directly by WIPO under an exchange program between the PTO, the EPO and the JPO.

If the copy was not furnished and a copy of a cited document is desired, please inform the undersigned and a copy of the missing document will be supplied.

In view of the above, no further statement of relevance need be given, and as all requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, and all official guidelines pertaining to

Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited publications and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 12/17/04

Robert Kinberg

Registration No. 26,924

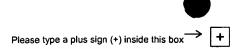
VENABLE

P.O. Box 34385

Washington, D.C. 20043-9998

Telephone: (202) 344-4000 Telefax: (202) 344-8300

RK/mg #605966





7 DEC 2004

TO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO				Complete if Known of E 1 Q 7 V		
				Application Number	To Be Assigned 75 18 3	
INFC	DRMATION	DIS	CLOSURE	Filing Date	December 17, 2004	
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT			PPLICANT	First Named Inventor	Frank-Uwe SOMMER	
				Group Art Unit	To Be Assigned	
	(use as many sheets as necessary)			Examiner Name	To Be Assigned	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	37934-211620	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials *	Cite No.1	U.S. Pa	atent Document	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Date of Publication of	Pages Columns Lines Where Relevan
		Number Kind Code ² (if known)		of Cited Document	Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
	<u> </u>					
***	-					-
	 					
	 	1				
	ļ	ļ .				
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>				

	1		1			

	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee	Date of Publication of	Pages, Columns, Lines,	
		Office ³		nd Code ⁵ f <i>known</i>)	or Applicant of Cited Document	Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ₆
	Al	DE	198 08 696	Α		08-12-1999		
								l i

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	
orginatoro	0013100100	

SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450





EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.